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### C. Remarks

Applicant submits that the amended claims distinguish over Moon, Curlett, and Wilson because none of the foregoing references, singly or in combination, disclose an apparatus having a plug that mates with a socket to align a plurality of first conduits and a plurality of second conduits, wherein the plug, a plurality of splines, and a plurality of first conduits are of unitary construction, and the socket, a plurality of receptacles, and a plurality of second conduits of unitary construction.

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